

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of adhering a covering to an edge of a workpiece, comprising:

providing a sliding shoe having a spring steel band;
placing the covering between the spring steel band and the workpiece edge;
pressing the covering onto the workpiece edge by slidably engaging the covering with the spring steel band along the longitudinal axis of the workpiece, wherein the spring steel band is attached to a leading portion of the sliding shoe only ~~in the region that first engages the covering.~~

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising engaging the covering with a roller.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising engaging the covering with a roller before engaging the covering with the sliding shoe.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the spring steel band has a length which is substantially shorter than the length of the workpiece edge.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the workpiece is a board element.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the board element is a chipboard, joinery board, plywood board, medium-density fiberboard, or solid wood board.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the board element has a thickness of 10 to 40 mm.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the workpiece is a profile bar.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the covering comprises melamine, polyester, PVC, ABS, polypropylene, veneer, or a paper base impregnated with colored plastics.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the covering comprises a film.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the covering has a thickness of 0.15 to 0.2 mm.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising applying an adhesive to the covering.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising applying a hot melt adhesive to the covering.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the hot melt adhesive is produced from polymers and copolymers of synthetic resins, rubbers, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane, acrylic, vinyl acetate, ethylene vinyl acetate and polyvinyl alcohol.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A method of adhering a covering to an edge of a workpiece, comprising:

- providing a roller;
- providing a sliding shoe having a spring steel band;
- placing the covering between the roller and the workpiece edge;
- engaging the covering with the roller along the longitudinal axis of the workpiece, such that the covering slidably engages the spring steel band; and
- pressing the covering onto the workpiece edge by slidably engaging the covering with the spring steel band along the longitudinal axis of the workpiece, wherein the spring steel band is attached to a leading portion of the sliding shoe only ~~in the region that first engages the covering.~~